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Agenda item 7
Adoption of the report of the Forum on its first session

Draft report

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 2000/35, the Economic and Social Council decided to establish the United Nations Forum on Forests as a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council. The Forum held its organizational session at United Nations Headquarters on 12 and 16 January 2001.[1]

2. The United Nations Forum on Forests held its first session at United Nations Headquarters from 11 to 22 June 2001.

II. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Matters calling for action by the Council

[To be completed]

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

3. The United Nations Forum on Forests brings to the attention of the Economic and Social Council the following decision:

Decision 1/1
Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations

The United Nations Forum on Forests decides to accord observer status to the following intergovernmental organizations:

(a) Center for International Forestry Research;

(b) International Tropical Timber Organization;

(c) Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe.

[To be completed]

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III. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

4. In accordance with paragraph 7 (b) of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35, the Forum held its first session at United Nations Headquarters from 11 to 22 June 2001. The Forum held __ meetings (1st to __).

5. The session was opened by the Chairman, Mubarak Hussein Rahmtalla (Sudan).

6. The Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an opening statement.

7. The Chairman of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests also made a statement.

B. Attendance

8. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35, the Forum is composed of all States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies, with full and equal participation. Representatives of the following States attended the session:

[To be completed]

9. The following United Nations offices and organs were represented:

[To be completed]

10. The following specialized agencies were represented:

[To be completed]

11. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

[To be completed]

12. The following non-governmental organizations were represented:

[To be completed]

C. Election of officers

13. The officers of the Forum were elected at its organizational session and were as follows:

Chairman:
Mubarak Hussein Rahmtalla (Sudan)

Vice-Chairmen:
Slamet Hidayat (Indonesia)
Alexey Kornienko (Russian Federation)
Gustavo Suarez de Freitas (Peru)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur:
Knut Øistad (Norway)

D. Adoption of the agenda

14. At its 1st meeting, on 11 June, the Forum adopted its provisional agenda for the session, as contained in document E/CN.18/2001/4. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Adoption of the multi-year programme of work.
3. Development of a plan of action for the implementation of Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests proposals for action, which will address financial provisions.
4. Initiation of the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.
5. Date and venue for the second session of the Forum in 2002.
6. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Forum.
7. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its first session.

E. Documentation

15. The list of documents before the Forum at its first session is contained in the annex.

F. Establishment of working groups and designation of their chairmen

16. At the 1st meeting, the Forum decided to establish two working groups at its first session, namely Working Group I, to consider the multi-year

programme of work, and Working Group II, to consider the plan of action and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests. Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Forum then designated Knut Øistad (Norway), Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur, to chair Working Group I and Slamet Hidayat (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman, to chair Working Group II.

G. Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations

17. At the 1st meeting, the Forum decided to accord observer status to the intergovernmental organizations listed in document E/CN.18/2001/9 (see chap. II, sect. B, decision 1/1).

H. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its organizational session

[To be completed]

IV. Adoption of the multi-year programme of work

18. The Forum discussed agenda item 2 jointly with items 3 and 4 at its 1st to 6th, 8th and 10th meetings, from 11 to 14 and on 18 June 2001. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the multi-year programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests (E/CN.18/2001/5 and Corr.1).

19. At the 1st meeting, on 11 June, the Coordinator and head of the secretariat of the Forum made an introductory statement.

20. At the 2nd meeting, on 11 June, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Sweden (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Costa Rica, Brazil, the United States of America, Switzerland, the Russian Federation, Canada, China, New Zealand, Japan, Norway, Cuba, Australia, Mexico, Fiji (on behalf of States Members of the Pacific Island Forum), Egypt, Nigeria and Ghana. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Sierra Club (on behalf of the Global Forest Policy Project) and the Friends of the Earth International, non-governmental organizations with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

21. At the 3rd meeting, on 12 June, statements were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Burkina Faso, Malaysia and Brazil.

22. At the 4th meeting, on 12 June, statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland, Indonesia, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, Gabon, Guatemala, New Zealand, the United States of America, Norway, Peru and Australia.

23. At the 5th meeting, on 13 June, statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Argentina, Cuba, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Venezuela, Japan, Viet Nam, China, Sweden (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union) and Uganda. The representative of the United Nations Children's Fund made a statement. The representative of the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe also made a statement. The representative of the Forest Alliance of British Columbia, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, also made a statement.

24. Also at the 5th meeting, statements were also made by the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests: the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Center for International Forestry Research, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Global Environment Facility, the International Tropical Timber Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Bank.

25. At the 6th meeting, on 13 June, statements were made by the representatives of Ghana, Switzerland and Japan.

26. At the 8th meeting, on 14 June, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America and Sweden (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union). Statements were also made by the representatives of the Sierra Club (on behalf of the Global Forest Policy Project) and Friends of the Earth International, non-governmental organizations in

consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

27. At the 10th meeting, on 18 June, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Sweden (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), New Zealand and Japan. The representative of the Sierra Club, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, also made a statement on behalf of the Global Policy Project.

Action taken by the Forum

28. At the 7th meeting, on 14 June, the Chairman introduced a draft decision on the multi-year programme of work on behalf of the Bureau.

[To be completed]

V. Development of a plan of action for the implementation of Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests proposals for action, which will address financial provisions

29. The Forum discussed item 3 jointly with items 2 and 4 at its 1st to 6th, 8th and 10th meetings, from 11 to 14 and on 18 June 2001 (for statements on the item, see paras. 19-27 above). For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Towards the development of the United Nations Forum on Forests plan of action" (E/CN.18/2001/6 and Corr.1);

(b) Letter dated 25 May 2001 from the Permanent Representatives of Brazil, Denmark, Malaysia and Norway and the Deputy Permanent Representatives of South Africa and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the International Workshop of Experts on Financing Sustainable Forest Management, held in Oslo from 22 to 25 January 2001 (E/CN.18/2001/8).

Action taken by the Forum

30. At the 9th meeting, on 15 June, the Chairman introduced a draft decision on the plan of action on behalf of the Bureau.

[To be completed]

VI. Initiation of the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests

31. The Forum held discussed item 4 jointly with items 2 and 3 at its 1st to 6th, 8th and 10th meetings, from 11 to 14 and on 18 June 2001 (for statements on the item, see paras. 19-27 above). For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it the note by the Secretariat entitled "Initiation of the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests" (E/CN.18/2001/7).

Action taken by the Forum

32. At the 10th meeting, on 18 June, the Chairman introduced a draft decision on the Collaborative Partnership on Forests on behalf of the Bureau.

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VII. Date and venue for the second session of the Forum

[To be completed]

VIII. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Forum

[To be completed]

Notes

[1] For the report on the organizational session, see E/2001/42 (Part I)-E/CN.18/2001/3 (Part I).

Annex

List of documents before the Forum at its first session

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Adoption of the multi-year programme of work

Statement of programme budget implications of the draft decision on the multi-year programme of work, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council

Should the Forum adopt the decision concerning its programme of work, programme budget implications would arise. It is estimated that requirements would amount to US$ 2.25 million under the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

In accordance with established procedures and practices, if the Economic and Social Council approves the recommendations, the Secretary-General would propose that the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session include the necessary provision in the regular budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

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